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narrow Gate way, when Shinghee showed us how he defended
his place in time of war. He had one small secret cover where
he co^d lie concealed and fire upon the Enemy. Every little
Hut is fenced round in this enclosure; some of the Stone Houses
for the reception of their Spears or provisions are about 30 feet
long and 20 wide - and well built, the roofs are thatched, and
some of the eaves extend three feet over the sides in order to
carry off the water and keep the Buildings dry. In the
centre of the Fortification on the very summit of the Hill,
a stage is erected upon a single pillar about 6 feet long &
3 broad hewn out of a solid Tree and elevated about 6 feet
from the ground; upon this the chief either sits for pleasure
or business just as occasions require his consulting with his
people. It commands a most extensive view of the surrounding
Country in all directions; Near the Stage is a little Hut
about 4 feet from the ground 3 feet long and 2 wide with
a small Image placed upon the left side of the door which
does not exceed one foot. A seat is placed in front upon
which the chiefs lady sits when she eats; her provisions
being deposited in this little building. About 9 o'clock we
were informed our room was ready where we were to sleep,
some clean Mats had been spread upon the floor for us to
lie upon. We wrapped ourselves up in our great Coats and
laid down for the night. A number of the Natives lay in
different situations, some under cover, and some in the open
air, we had enjoyed a very pleasant day and our long
walks had prepared us for a sound sleep tho' not indulged
with a feather Bed. - Early in the morning on Tuesday the
10th we rose with an intention of visiting a fresh water lake
about 5 miles distant from the Village. We set off with
Shinghee and several chiefs with a number of Servants:
Our way lay thro' a wood composed of various kinds of
Timber together with the noble pine. We co^d not but view
these wonderful productions of nature with reverence and
astonishment. In our way to the lake we passed thro' some